

A final word from the principal for 2019...

I find it hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for 2019... time flies when you are having fun!

Thanks to so many people who have made Onekawa School the wonderful place it is! Specifically:

Our Children: it wouldn't be a school without you! We are so proud of the progress that you have made in 2019. You are kind, caring and have a wonderful attitude towards learning. Awesome!

Our Whanau: we as a school really appreciate the tautoko (support) that you give our school and children. We look forward to continuing this strong partnership in 2020.

Our Board of Trustees: thanks to Patrick, Tracey, Anna, Aroha, David and Marsha for their support and effective governance of our school.

Team Pipi: for putting in so many hours to fundraise and support our school. Approximately \$15,000 was raised this year! Ka mau te wehi (awesome)!

And last... but not least... our amazing teaching and support staff. I cannot thank you enough for all that you do for our children. You are stars!

I would love to see you all at our final assembly, next Wednesday 11 December at 9:30am. The assembly will give us an opportunity to celebrate our achievements, to farewell Mrs Grant for her twenty years of service, and to acknowledge once more our Year 6 children who are heading onto intermediate school next year.

Our 2020 year begins on Monday 3 February. Please note Waitangi Day on Thursday 6 February and a Teacher Only day on Friday 7 February.

On behalf of the Onekawa School staff and Board of Trustees, we wish you all a safe and fun holiday period. Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in 2020 for another fun and exciting year!

Nga mihi nui,

Steve

Year 6 Dinner and Farewell Presentation

Our wonderful Year 6 children were acknowledged for all their achievements and efforts at last night's dinner.

We are going to miss our Year 6s; they are an amazing group of children who have contributed so much to our school. We look forward to hearing of your future successes. Kia kaha! kia maia! kia manawanui!

A massive thank you must go to Team Pipi for organising the event. Many hours were spent in preparation for such a lovely evening. We really appreciate it!



Sports Uniforms

Year 5/6 Miniballers – your shirt will be collected after the game on Monday so please remember to bring a top to change into.

All other sports uniforms are due back on Monday please
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Building Updates – We are getting closer!!!

Great news!!! Work on the refurbishment of Rooms 1 and 2 is starting in the next few weeks and we expect completion by the end of term 1 next year.

Preparation for our brand-new rooms to be built, on the currently vacant space, is well underway. We expect completion of this project by the middle of next year.

Once both of these projects are complete we can focus on plans to develop the new playscape between the blocks.

Important Dates – Mark these in your calendars!

Next Week

Wednesday 11 December @ 9:30am	Final Assembly
Thursday 12 December @ 12:30pm	Last day of term

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Monday 3 February, 2020	School year begins
Thursday 6 February, 2020	Waitangi Day
Friday 7 February, 2020	Teacher only day

PALs Fun Day

Our Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) attended a fun day at the Hawkes Bay Sports Park this week to reward them for their efforts this year.

The PALs have organised games and activities for our younger children throughout lunchtimes this year. Thanks for your service children 😊